

March 5, 1990

LB 348, 953

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion on the advancement of the bill? Seeing none, those in favor of the advancement of LB 348 to E & R Engrossing say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion carried, the bill is advanced. The A bill, Mr. Clerk. Correction, LB 953.

CLERK: Mr. President, 953, the first order of business are enrollment and review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, would you handle the E & R amendments, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President, I move the E & R amendments to LB 953 be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, shall the E & R amendments be adopted to 953? All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nelson would move to amend the bill. (Nelson amendment appears on page 1148 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, somewhat by the amendments that are just passed out by Senator Schellpeper, which will be following, will somewhat change my concern that I had of the bill. My amendment would simply strike the portion of the bill that addresses...takes out the four years as a spouse, and it would return to the original language in the bill. And that's all that it would simply do. As you would notice, by some of the handouts that I've prepared, I asked, on General File, how much we were talking about, or what salaries we're talking about. The answer was, I don't know. And, so I did some work and I had my aide do some work on this and found out what we were talking about. It's difficult for me to vote on something that I am not quite sure. I remember in 1986, we were told that the current employees, we didn't need to worry about it because of the fact of the increases in their salary, and then the 3 percent that they...the three years average, so we didn't need to think about that. That's what made me stop and think now. Incidentally, I somewhat feel like, or can sympathize with Ernie Chambers. I have received two letters and one telephone call. The telephone call was not necessarily the